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BETWEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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Dear Sir:

Applicants received an Advisory Action dated February 4, 2004 related to a final office action dated November 24, 2003 ("Final Office Action"). In the Advisory Action, the Examiner maintained the rejection of pending claims 1-40 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner disputed Applicants' arguments on the grounds that Applicants were arguing limitations not found in the claims. Applicants phoned the Examiner on February 23, 2004 to discuss that the Examiner was mistaken and that the argued limitations were in fact in the claims. The Examiner requested Applicants to submit a Supplemental Response explaining this position and that the Examiner would reconsider the rejection in view of such Supplemental Response.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2.

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In re Application of: Examiner: Benjamin Lanier D.M. Shackelford Serial No.: 09/409.617 Filed: October 1, 1999 Art Unit: 2132 METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM For: FOR DISTRIBUTING SOFTWARE BETWEEN COMPUTER SYSTEMS PATENT THADEMARK OFFICE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Transmitted herewith in the above-identified application is an: Amendment 4 pages. The fee has been calculated as shown below: CLAIMS HIGHEST NO REMAINING PREVIOUSLY **PRESENT** ADDIT. ADDIT. AFTER PAID FOR **EXTRA RATE** FEE OR RATE FEE AMENDMENT TOTAL 40 **MINUS** 40 OR \$ x 18 INDEP CLAIMS MINUS 5 \$0 X OR x 86 \$ FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM \$0 OR + 290 TOTAL \$0 OR TOTAL \$-0-Please charge Deposit Account No. 09-0449 the amount of \$\_ to cover the extension fee and also the amount of \$\_ cover the claim fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_ to cover the extension fee is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_ to cover the petition fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.09-0449. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed. Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims. Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17. Respectfully submitted. Dated: February 24, 2004 David W. Victor Registration No. 39,867 KONRAD RAYNES & VICTOR, LLP 315 S. Beverly Drive, Suite 210 Beverly Hills, CA 90212 (310) 558-7983 (voice) (310) 556-7984 (fax) certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to Examiner G. Barron, Jr. at Patent and Trademark Office at (703) 872-9306 on February 24, 2004.

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